

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: PROTEASES, NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING  
THEM AND METHODS FOR MAKING AND  
USING THEM

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Examiner: Sheridan Swope

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the office action mailed September 18, 2008 ("the OA"), Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment and consideration of the remarks set forth herein.

A response was initially due December 18, 2008. Attached herewith is a petition for a 2 month extension of time, extending the due date for reply to February 18, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper,

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 17 of this paper.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal
- Petition for Extension of Time